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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR, LY, US  
SUBJECT: LIBYAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS

1. DURING PAST WEEK I HAVE BEEN QUERIED UNOFFICIALLY BY A NUMBER OF SENIOR LIBYAN FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS OVER STATE OF LIBYAN-US RELATIONS. (EXPOSURE TO LIBYAN OFFICIALDOM HAS BEEN HIGH RECENTLY DUE TO VARIOUS FUNCTIONS CONNECTED WITH VISITING CHIEFS OF STATE.) IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THESE OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING SENATE HEARINGS ON TERRORISM AND PRESS COMMENTARIES THEREON.

2. SPECIFIC QUESTION POSED (BY FONOFF UNDER SECRETARY, ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY, HEAD OF AMERICAS DEPARTMENT, AND SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO FOREIGN SECRETARY TURAYKI) IS "WHAT IS REASON FOR GROWING HOSTILITY OF US TOWARD LIBYA?" THIS FOLLOWED BY "WHAT NEW FACTOR HAS ENTERED BILATERAL RELATIONS TO OCCASION INCREASINGLY NEGATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD LIBYA?" MY RESPONSE THAT THE REASON IS THE SAME OLD PROBLEM OF LIBYAN SUPPORT FOR TERRORISM AND INFLEXIBILITY ON ME DOESN'T SEEM TO BE REGISTERING.

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3. OFFICIALS, OF COURSE, DEHCA SUPPORT FOR TERRORISM BUT PROCLAIM SUPPORT FOR PALESTINIAN CAUSE WHICH THEY SAY IS COMMON TO ALL ARAB AND MOST AFRICAN STATES. AT SAME TIME THEY CLAIM THAT LIBYA HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY CONDEMNATORY OF TERRORIST ACTS AND REFER TO SEVERAL RECENT HIJACKED PLANES WHICH WERE DENIED LANDING PERMISSION IN LIBYA. OFFICIALS ALSO COMPLAIN THAT US LINKAGE OF SUPPORT FOR

TERRORISM WITH SUPPORT FOR PALESTINIAN CAUSE IS ERRONEOUS  
AND THAT GREATER DIALOGUE BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES MIGHT  
CLARIFY THIS CONFUSION.

4. WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE BEING PROVIDED WITH ANY  
ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE FROM DEPT FOR RESPONSES TO SUCH  
APPROACHES (OFFICIAL QUERIES MAY SOON BE FORTHCOMING).  
SPECIFICALLY WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON HOW DETAILED  
WE MAY BE IN DESCRIBING LIBYAN SUPPORT FOR TERRORISM TO  
LIBYAN OFFICIALS. WOULD ALSO LIKE GUIDANCE ON HOW TO  
RESPOND TO QUERIES AS TO WHAT MUST LIBYA DO TO GET OFF  
OUR BLACK LIST AND WHAT KIND OF EVIDENCE OF SATISFACTORY  
BEHAVIOR WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE.

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